

# **AGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEARS**

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**ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION**

**FUNCTIONAL AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY**

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<b>Agency Name</b>	Arkansas Sentencing Commission
<b>Agency Mission Statement:</b>  The purpose of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission is to establish sentencing standards and to monitor and assess the impact of practices, policies and existing laws on the correctional resources of the State.	

**AGENCY GOAL 1:**

To establish sentencing standards and to monitor and assess the impact of practices, policies and existing laws on the correctional resources of the State.

Agency Name		Arkansas Sentencing Commission
Program		Arkansas Sentencing Commission Operations
Program Authorization		A.C.A. 16-90-802 et. seq.
Program Definition:  Funds-Center Code: <u>806</u>		The Arkansas Sentencing Commission is in a unique position to offer quality data analysis of criminal justice laws, policies and practices from a neutral viewpoint. Whereas the major correctional agencies have massive budgets and internal information services to serve their own needs, the Sentencing Commission, representing the courtroom practitioners can review the data obtained from the Department of Correction, the Department of Community Correction and the Administrative Office of the Courts from a neutral “criminal justice systems” viewpoint, i.e., the overall picture from the courtroom to the state agency. It is charged with presenting this information to the Governor, the legislature, the judicial council and the public. Furthermore, because the Commission collects, monitors and analyzes this information, it is uniquely qualified to make recommendations concerning appropriate changes to sentencing laws.
AGENCY GOAL(S) #	1	
Anticipated Funding Sources for the Program:		General Revenue

**GOAL 1: (Sub-Funds Center Code: 806GOAL1)**

To establish sentencing standards and to monitor and assess the impact of practices, policies and existing laws on the correctional resources of the state.

**OBJECTIVE 1: (Sub-Funds Center Code: 806G1OBJ1)**

To make appropriate revisions to the sentencing standards which are proportional to the seriousness of the offense of conviction and the extent of the offender’s criminal history and develop educational programs in the use of the standards.

**STRATEGY 1: (Sub-Funds Center Code: 806A)**

Gather and evaluate data relative to sentencing laws, policies and practices and their impact on resources.

**STRATEGY 2: (Sub-Funds Center Code: 806B)**

Participate in the Coordinating Council for an Integrated Criminal Justice Information System to improve criminal justice information gathering and processing.

**OBJECTIVE 2: (Sub-Funds Center Code: 806G1OBJ2)**

To recommend appropriate changes to the legislature in sentencing laws, policies and practices.

**STRATEGY 1: (Sub-Funds Center Code: 806C )**

Review and recommend any necessary revisions to the Community Correction target offense group.

**STRATEGY 2: (Sub-Funds Center Code: 806D )**

To submit analyses concerning the impact of sentences on correctional resources.